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SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE FORMAL DRAWINGS

Enclosed please find substitute formal drawings for the above-identified patent application, consisting of Figs. 1-23 on twelve (12) sheets of drawings.

Applicant notes that it amended Figs. 9 and 16-23 in the AMENDMENT filed on February 2, 2006 in order to correct the double usage of reference character "40". Subsequently, in an Office action mailed on April 13, 2006, the Examiner accepted the drawing changes but required that new corrected drawing sheets be submitted. In response, Applicant submitted a new set of formal drawings with the RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION filed on June 22, 2006, however, the amendments previously made to Figs. 9 and 16-23 were not incorporated into the formal drawings filed with the response. Therefore, Applicant is now

submitting the enclosed formal drawings which should replace the formal drawings submitted on June 22, 2006. Applicant is also submitting Annotated Marked-up Sheets to show the changes made to the enclosed formal drawings. These changes reflect the amendments which were made to Figs. 9 and 16-23 in the AMENDMENT filed on February 2, 2006 and which were accepted by the Examiner in the Office action dated April 13, 2006. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no new matter is being introduced by this submission of substitute formal drawings.

Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with this submission, however, in the event that any additional fees may be required to paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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